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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL TEXT OF DRAFT TREATY (SALT TWO-522)

1. IN THE LIGHT OF OUR DISCUSSION HERE WITH THE SOVIETS AND OF THEIR REACTION THUS FAR TO THE PRESENTATION OF OUR VIEWS, I AM TRANSMITTING BY THREE SEPTELS (1) THE TEXT OF AGREEMENT PROVISIONS WHICH I FEEL SHOULD NOW BE PRESENTED TO THE SOVDEL, (2) ANNOTATIONS TO THAT TEXT, AND (3) A DISCUSSION OF AND PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE TEXT TO IMPLEMENT THE CONCEPT OF "RESTRAINT" AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE IN DEALING WITH THE SOVIET TEXT.

2. THE DRAFT TEXT, OF COURSE, DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE ELEMENTS THAT WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE INCORPORATED IN A FINAL AGREEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, PENDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS ON SUCH MATTERS, THE DRAFT TEXT CONTAINS NO BANS ON "OTHER SYSTEMS," NOR DOES IT DEAL WITH FUTURE SYSTEMS, AND THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS DEALING WITH "NON-CIRCUMVENTION" OR "NON-TRANSFER." THESE AND SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS MAY BE DEEMED DESIRABLE FOR EITHER SUBSTANTIVE OR TACTICAL REASONS CAN, OF COURSE, BE ADDED AS NECESSARY, THE DRAFT IS DESIGNED AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE TO PUT INTO AGREEMENT LANGUAGE THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE

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AIDE-MEMOIRE AND THE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS CONTAINED IN OUR

INSTRUCTIONS, AND THUS SERVE AS A DOCUMENT FROM WHICH NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CARRIED FORWARD.

3. I BELIEVE WE HAVE GONE AS FAR AS WE CAN AT THIS STAGE IN OUR EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THE SOVDEL IN A DIALOGUE ON THOSE ISSUES WE CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT AND, IT OBVIOUSLY BEING UNDESIRABLE TO WORK SOLELY FROM THEIR DRAFT, I AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME TO INTRODUCE OUR OWN TEXT. I THUS HOPE THAT THE DRAFT TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED CAN BE URGENTLY CONSIDERED AND APPROVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. IF IT IS BELIEVED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, THOMAS GRAHAM, THE DELEGATION'S LEGAL ADVISER, WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL PHASES OF THE DRAFTING OF THIS TEXT, COULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL THOSE CONCERNED FOR CONSULTATION ON QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROVISIONS OR LANGUAGE IN THE TEXT. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO THE DELEGATION IF HE WERE IN A POSITION TO BRIEF US ON HIS RETURN ON THE BACKGROUND FOR SUCH CHANGES AS WASHINGTON MAY MAKE IN THE TEXT.
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